TITLE: EPA Cites U.S. Steel – Gary Works in Gary, Indiana

ACTION SUMMARY:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, recently issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) and Finding of Violation (FOV) under the Clean Air Act to U.S. Steel – Gary Works (U.S. Steel) for their facility located at 1 North Broadway in Gary, Indiana. EPA issued the NOV/FOV for non-compliance with the Indiana State Implementation Plan (SIP), Title V permit requirements, Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) regulations in the Indiana SIP, the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Integrated Iron and Steel Manufacturing Facilities, the NESHAP for Steel Pickling – Hydrochloric Acid (HCI) Process Facilities and HCI Regeneration Plants and the NESHAP for Equipment Leaks (Fugitive Emission Sources).

Specifically, the violations include opacity emissions in excess of Indiana SIP and NESHAP limits at the slag pits, railcars, Basic Oxygen Process shops, blast furnace enclosures, roof monitors and coke ovens. HCI pickling line concentrations exceeded the limit. EPA also alleges that U.S. Steel failed to identify as an emission source and secure a permit for the blast furnace relief valves and failed to apply for a PSD permit when it modified its No. 4 Blast Furnace to increase production and emissions. U.S. Steel also failed to perform a timely first attempt at repair at applicable equipment.

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